Law or Grace – You Cannot Have Both!

"…whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (**Galatians 5:4**)

Most religious people attempt to mix man's works of obedience to the law with God's works of grace for sinners, making salvation a mixture of works and grace. Fallen men have been attempting to mix law and grace since the days of Cain and Abel. Very few are the blasphemers who openly assert, "Salvation is by works;" but almost everyone believes it. When salvation by God's free grace alone is plainly declared, lost religionists cling to and defend their works, denouncing the one who dares to affirm that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone as a promoter of licentiousness and a vile antinomian, Yet, the truth must be declared in plain, unmistakable terms.

Mutually Exclusive. Grace and works are mutually exclusive. They annihilate one another. If we are saved by our own works in any way, to any degree, in whole or in part, then we are not saved by the grace of God. If we are saved by the grace of God alone, then we are not saved by our own works of obedience to the law of God (Romans 11:6). The doctrine of Holy Scripture is unmistakable. – The whole work of salvation (election, redemption, regeneration, sanctification, preservation and glorification) is by the grace of God alone (Romans 8:28-30; 2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Heretical Doctrine. All churches, religions and systems of doctrine which teach salvation by the works of the law are heretical. I mean to be understood. I am saying that any teaching that says sinners are justified, given favor with God, sanctified, preserved, or shall inherit the reward of heavenly glory upon the basis of their own personal obedience to the law of God is legalism, anti-christ and damning to all who receive it (Galatians 5:1-4).

Sanctification Too. This gospel doctrine of salvation by grace alone does, most certainly, extend even to the believer's sanctification in Christ. To be sanctified is to be set apart by God for holy service, declared to be holy and actually made holy. If, as all agree, sanctification is that without which no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14), then sanctification can no more be a matter of works than justification. That is precisely what the Word of God declares. The Bible nowhere presents sanctification as a conditional thing, depending upon the believer's works. Like every other aspect of salvation, sanctification is an unconditional work of grace, performed for us and in us by the triune God (Jude 1, Hebrews 10:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:13). – *"By grace ye are saved!"* – *"Salvation is of the Lord!."* [AMEN!] – **Don Fortner**

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"…God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (**John 3:17**)

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Worship Service	**Sun, 11 AM**
Bible Study	**Wed, 7 PM**

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Reader, our gospel is not about believing in *something*, it is about believing and trusting *someone:* the **Lord Jesus Christ**. God's people are always comforted and encouraged when reminded that salvation is not about *when* we believe, or *where* we believe, or *what* we believe; but rather ever so blessedly, about *Whom* we have believed. As our brother writes *"…I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day"* (2 Timothy 1:12).

WELCOME

Welcome! We're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor that loves the perfect Gospel of Christ. Beloved, *He shall save His people from their sins* (**Matthew 1:21**). It is our prayer that the Lord will be pleased to *call*, *convict*, and *comfort* you with the gospel of His blood and righteousness (**Isaiah 40:1-2**). You can expect a gospel message that's about 45 minutes, hymns that glorify our Lord, scripture readings, and helpful people to answer any questions you may have.

CONNECTION CARD

We invite everyone to fill out a **Connection Card** (you'll find one in the pew). This is an easy way to keep us informed of what's going on in your life, as well as a place where you can ask questions and update your contact information.

If you are a first-time visitor, please fill one out. As a thank-you, we'd love to send you a copy of '**The religion that comes from God**'.

Do you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ? If you do, you are His purchased possession. We would love to meet you after the service to get to know you better.

WEBSITES

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, audio messages, and books.

sovereingrace.us - Our church website, bulletins, articles
bookshelf.sovereingrace.us - Free ebooks, tracts, booklets
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EVENT CALENDAR

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

Friday, February 21st @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 22nd @ 6 pm
Sunday, February 23rd @ 10 am

GRACE ARTICLES

Two Things Always Happen

"…the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (**1 Corinthians 1:18**)

When the Gospel is preached, there are two things always taking place (even though most are unaware of it); some are being prepared for glory, others are being hardened. Some are being brought to the light; some are left sitting in darkness. Some see Christ and His glory; others see no beauty about Him. Some who hear the Gospel have their hearts made tender towards sin; others have their hearts hardened in sin. No wonder we say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The question we should all be asking is, "How is the preaching of the Gospel affecting me?" – **Donnie Bell**

Perfect, complete, without blemish…

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (**Ephesians 5:27**)

Perfect, complete, without blemish, holy, blameless, spotless; these are just a few of the words the scripture uses to describe Gods saints. We do not feel that we are any of these things in ourselves, but this is what God says about us. Do we believe what we see in ourselves or what God says about us? God describes us with these glorious words because of what our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished for us, by his holy sinless life and his sacrificial death for us on the cross. God's word describes us as what we are in Christ. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. – **Donnie Bell**